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# Silverman v. United States


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***Silverman v. United States***, 365 U.S. 505 (1961), is a [United States Supreme Court](#) case in which the Court unanimously held that a federal officer may not, without warrant, physically place themselves into the space of a person's office or home to secretly observe or listen and relate at the man's subsequent criminal trial what was seen or heard.

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<i>Silverman v. United States</i>
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Supreme Court of the United States
Argued December 5, 1960
Decided March 6, 1961
<b>Full case name</b>
<b>Citations</b>
<div><div></div><div>365 U.S. 505<span><span>↗</span></span> (<i>more</i>)</div><div>81 S. Ct. 679; 5 L. Ed. 2d 734; 1961 U.S. LEXIS 1605; 97 A.L.R.2d 1277</div></div>
Case history
<b>Prior</b>
Certiorari to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.
Holding
<div><div></div><div>A federal officer may not, without warrant, physically entrench into a person's office or home to secretly observe or listen and relate at the man's subsequent criminal trial what was seen or heard.</div></div>
Court membership
<b>Chief Justice</b>
<span><span></span></span> Earl Warren
<b>Associate Justices</b>
<span><span></span></span> Hugo Black <span> </span> · <span><span></span></span> Felix Frankfurter <span><span></span></span> William O. Douglas <span> </span> · <span><span></span></span> Tom C. Clark <span><span></span></span> John M. Harlan II <span> </span> · <span><span></span></span> William J. Brennan Jr. <span><span></span></span> Charles E. Whittaker <span> </span> · <span><span></span></span> Potter Stewart
Case opinions
<b>Majority</b>
Stewart, joined unanimously
<b>Concurrence</b>
Douglas
<b>Concurrence</b>
Clark, joined by Whittaker
Laws applied
U.S. Const. amend. IV

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